

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

**Cross Portfolio**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0941\_10**

**Senator Cash provided in writing.**

**Question**

What have been the changes in ASL (average staffing levels) since November 2007? Why have these changes occurred? What have been the Budgetary implications?

**Answer**

Year	ASL
2007-08 Actual	5,231
2008-09 Actual	5,489
2009-10 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements	5,335

Changes in ASL have occurred for a range of reasons including:

- The full year effect of Machinery of Government changes
- Efficiency Dividends
- Lapsing Measures
- Expenditure and Savings Measures

The employee expense budget reflects the ASL level.